THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH GOYAL): (a) to (c) According to National Transport Policy Committee Report (1980) India has about 14,500 Km of navigable inland waterways out of which about 5700 Km are suitable for navigation by mechanized craft. Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad, the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Udyogmandal and Champakara canals totaling 2176 km in length have been dec'ared as National Waterways. Basic level infrastructural facilities for shipping and navigation are being provided in these waterways. Besides there is cargo movement in Goa and Mumbai inland waterways. Shifts of cargo from developed modes *viz.* rail and road to IWT would take place only after the inland waterways are developed with adequate infrastructure namely fairway, terminals and night navigational aids, and cargo vessels are operated by public or private carriers in a substantial manner. Actions for providing these facilities, including private sector participa- tion in IWT, are in hand.

Techno economic feasibility studies for assessing the potential/ navigability have been conducted on more waterways. With a view to giving an impetus to IWT sector and to encourage private sector participation in IWT infrastructure development and ownership and operation of inland vessels, the Government has approved an IWT policy in January, 2001. Several policy measures and incentives to private sector have been included in this Policy.

Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations

† 97. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of SOCIAL, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial assistance is being provided to voluntary organizations engaged in social work;

(b) the number of organizations in each State of the country to whom financial assistance has been provided during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 alongwith the extent of assistance provided to them; and

(c) the areas in which these organizations are working?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL, JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The details are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) These organizations are working in the areas of Scheduled Castes, Minorities, Backward Classes, Disabled, Aged Persons, Street Children and victims of Drugs Abuse etc. with a view to overcome their social, physical and educational handicaps.

Statement

State-wise number of organisations in the country to whom financial assistance has been provided during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 alongwith the details of amount released to these States.

SI. No.	NameoftheState/UT	2000-2001		2001-2002	
		No.of NGOs' released	Amount released *(Rs. In Lakhs)*	No. of NGOs'	Amount *(Rs. In Lakhs)*
1	Andhra Pradesh	317	2286.05	280	1459.38
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	6.32	1	3.16
3	Assam	45	211.4	30	84.92
4	Bihar	32	345.72	40	273.83
5	Chhattisgarh	1	9.08	3	13.31
6	Goa	6	24.87	4	7.42
7	Gujarat	74	716.11	60	285.49
8	Haryaca	56	363.97	46	163.76
9	Himachal Pradesh	13	126.C1	7	37.08
10	Jammu & Kashmir	15	64.23	13	23.51
11	Jharkhand	2	7.35	3	14.06
12	Kamataka	128	1116.2	129	677.16
13	Kerala	92	702.89	84	398.3
14	Madhya Pradesh	66	297.17	68	211.23
15	Maharashtra	135	903.15	138	524.78
16	Manipur	91	411.8	72	186.32
17	Meghalaya	6	59.79	3	14.55
18	Mizoram	11	84.21	*1*	32.54
19	Nagaland	8	46.07	7	26.24
20	Orissa	136	1058.71	147	706.1
21	Punjab	42	317.41	34	151.52
22	Rajasthan	46	643.9	47	434.6
23	Sikkim	2	5.47	4	6.62
24	Tamil Nadu	112	742.32	103	430.72
25	Tripura	9	36.24	8	35.21
26	Uttar Pradesh	243	2792.96	218	2124.31

1	2	3	4	5	6
27	Uttranchal	9	117.05	21	173.61
28	West Bengal	150	1337.4	132	924.78
29	A & N Islands	1	1.58	1	1.02
30	Chandigarh	6	33.29	5	16.67
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli				
32	Daman & Diu				
33	Delhi	102	1227.29	104	741.24
34	Lakshdweep				
35	Pondicherry	4	22.65	3	3.46
	Total:	1961	16118.66	1822	10186.9

Development of SCs/STs/Other Minorities in Far-Flung Areas of HP, Punjab and J & K

98. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of budget for the development of SCs/STs/other minorities and other weaker sections of people residing in far-flung areas in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir for their welfare schemes in proportion to their percentage of population; and

(b) the details thereof, item-wise and scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATTYA): (a) and (b) Funds under schemes for welfare of SCs/STs/other Minorities and other weaker sections are being allocated by the Planning Commission under each scheme. No separate allocation is made State-wise.

Under the Scheme of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes, funds are released to States/UTs on the basis of the following criteria:—

(a)	On the basis of SC population of the States/UTs.	40%
(b)	On the basis of relative backwardness of the States/UTs (Inverse of State Per Capita Domestic Product).	10%
(c)	On the basis of the percentage of SC families in the States/UTs covered by composite economic development programmes in the plans to enable tiiem to cross the poverty line.	25%